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Administrative Claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act and Related Statutes

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: With this document, the Department of Labor (DOL) is withdrawing its proposed rule that accompanied its direct final rule revising the regulations governing administrative claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act and related statutes.

DATES: Effective [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] the proposed rule published on April 13, 2012 (77 FR 22236), is withdrawn.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 13, 2012, DOL published a direct final rule (77 FR 22204) and concurrent notice of proposed rulemaking, proposing to amend the regulations governing administrative claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act and related statutes. In both the direct final rule and notice of proposed rulemaking, DOL explained that if no significant adverse comments were received to the notice of proposed rulemaking, DOL would withdraw the proposed rule and the direct final rule would become effective on July 12, 2012 without further notice. DOL has received no comments regarding either the direct final rule or the notice of proposed rulemaking. Accordingly, DOL is not proceeding with the proposed rule and is withdrawing it from the rulemaking process. DOL is also confirming the effective date of the direct final rule as July 12, 2012.

Signed at Washington, DC the 28th of February, 2013

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